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Two-time Loser Caged Again

TPSO and LSP net jail escapee after second run

Tangi Times Report

A Tangipahoa Parish Jail inmate who escaped from the prison on Thursday afternoon was captured barely 24 hours later, following a vigorous search by the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office and several cooperating law enforcement agencies.

Tra'Von Johnson, 19, of Tickfaw, was awaiting trial for his alleged role in a 2022 Hammond-area home invasion that killed a man and injured the victim's child. His original charges include murder and other charges related to the crime. Johnson is also one of the four inmates who escaped from the facility a year ago this month.

TPSO became aware that Johnson had escaped when they received a call at 9:28pm from a citizen of the community who chose to remain anonymous. The caller, who apparently had knowledge of Johnson's escape, asked whether Johnson was still in custody and suggested that the jail staff confirm his presence. A headcount was immediately conducted, and it was discovered that Johnson was missing.

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TPSO began the internal notification and mobilization processes at 9:56pm and called the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) to report the escape at 10:30pm. At 10:37pm, notification calls were made to Hammond Police Department (HPD), Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office (LPSO), and Louisiana State Police (LSP). Alerts were also delivered to Johnson's crime victims and their families, and calls were made to Johnson's relatives and known associates.

An agencywide notification was made at 11:21pm, and at 11:54pm, notice of the escape was sent to the Tangi Times and other news agencies.

An incident investigation was launched immediately, and a review of Johnson's movements throughout the day determined that he escaped around 4:28pm when another inmate, Trevon Wallace, 28, helped lift him over the perimeter fence. It is believed that the two inmates escaped from the building during a brief period of less than one minute that interior and exterior doors were simultaneously open.

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Six Veterans Graduate from Treatment Court

Tangi Times Report

Three military veterans from the Livingston Parish area and three from Tangipahoa Parish graduated from the 21st Judicial District Court's Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) on Friday, May 23, 2025, at the Florida Parishes Arena in Amite. The ceremony began at 9:30am with opening remarks from Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller.

The 21st Judicial District Court Veterans Treatment Court is a court-supervised program coupled with intensive treatment and supervision, directed at diverting individuals with prior military service from the traditional criminal justice framework. It is a hybrid of the current Drug and Mental Health Court models, serving veteran-status individuals struggling with addiction, mental illness, trauma-related disorders such as PTSD, and/or co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders.

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Louis Nick Joseph, USA (Ret.), Tangipahoa Parish Councilman Dist. 3, delivers the keynote address at the VTC Graduation Ceremony on May 23

VTC is a voluntary program that helps veterans to avoid legal troubles resulting from addiction-related circumstances. The program includes regular court appearances before the designated VTC Judge and involves drug and alcohol treatment, random drug testing, support group meetings, educational classes, and community supervision.

The six graduates included Terry Breaux, USA; Zachary Coulton, USN; Devine Green, USA; Marion Schenk, USN; Daniel Wiley, ARNG; and Blake Ziegler, USMCR.

The graduates were supported at the ceremony by their respective mentors: Stanley Bihm, USMC (mentor to Terry Breaux and Zachary Coulton); David Teague, USAF, LA ANG (Ret.); Von Fish, USAF, LA ANG (Ret.); Gerard Laborde, ARNG; and Michael Granger, USA.

See VTC GRADUATES, Page 9

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By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Swampies, y'all know that your favorite gator narrator is a very social reptile. Right? If I've said it once, I've said it a septillion times – Old Hardhide's favorite thing to do is get out and about on the town, socializing with anyone and everyone. They don't call me the gregarious gator for nothing!

Let me start by saying that the life of a celebrity Alligator mississipiensis (CAREFULLLL!) is not as easy as it seems. Every day, I need to get up and find a place to thermoregulate, which means that the Hide's gears start jamming as soon as the sun rises. All this activity can get a crocodilian's heart rate up to a dizzying 30 beats per minute!

Not that you endotherms would understand the trials and tribulations of this glamorous gator's day-to-day, but Gatorus Supremus doesn't begrudge.

Anyhoooo, the pernt is that I do it all for you – my fans – because I know that the best part of your day is seeing little old moi. And the second-best part of your day is anticipating seeing little old moi.

This brings me to my gripe du jour. Why is it that nobody thought to tell the main gator that everyone had vacation plans this week? I got myself ready on Monday morning and made my way around town. I knocked on door after door and gate after gate, but nobody answered. I guess everyone left town early for their summer break. I sniffed the smells of grills burning, but they must have been left unattended, which is highly irresponsible in this gator's humble opinion, but again… no judgment from the main gator.

I was looking forward to some good socializing and grilling with all my swampies. Just a suggestion – instead of going on vacation, y'all might need to work some more to pay for all these electronic gadgets y'all keep buying. Why does everyone need doorbell cameras, anyway?

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are good medicine!

I occasionally wave and say "hello" to random corners around my house, in case a ghost is standing there. I want them to like me.

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Tonya Aiken

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

When approaching Ponchatoula from either direction on I-55, our beautiful American Flag guides the way to the heart of the city. Ponchatoula has always been a patriotic city, as exemplified by our majestic Old Glory, standing tall and proud, as well as the smaller flags that line Pine Street in the historic district.

When I looked at these symbols of our city's national pride before this past holiday weekend, I was reminded of the reason that most of us enjoy a Monday off from work to spend with our friends and families. Memorial Day is a day that we are able to celebrate because so many brave men and women in our American military forces died defending our freedoms.

We owe everything we enjoy as a nation to those who gave their lives for our future. As mayor of this patriotic city, I am deeply grateful to them all for their sacrifices that have enabled us to become the great city that we are today. I hope everyone shares in this gratitude and had the opportunity to pause and observe Memorial Day for what it really means.

Ponchatoula, I am proud to be your mayor.

"I love our city, and I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

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Citywide Yard Sale NOTICE

The official organizer of the Citywide Yard Sale event is now Trails End Antiques. Please contact Brenda at 985.386.5776 for all inquiries, vendor sign-ups, and event details.

Spiritual Petition

God, please help me to continue to be a part of a community that enriches me. Even when things get difficult, please help me to strive toward unity.

Marshall Graves
Love Is the Key Outreach

WHAT'S HAPPENING!! in Tangi

Thursday, May 29
5:30-9pm
Live Music - Ferg's Hwy
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Thursday, May 29
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Friday May 30
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Saturday May 31
8am – 12pm
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Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce
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Saturday May 31
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Gnarly Barley Brewing
1709 Corbin Rd., Hammond

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Dubious News

Hello friends!

Ever find yourself alarmed at how easily the general public can be swayed? Well, buckle up, because in 1998, Burger King accidentally exposed this reality while trolling the public. They took out a full-page ad in USA Today to announce their groundbreaking innovation: the Left-Handed Whopper! Same ingredients, same taste, same everything – just rotated 180 degrees. Because apparently, that's how sandwiches work.

The result? Thousands of customers rushed to Burger King to request this revolutionary burger designed for their dominant hand. Even right-handed folks joined in, making sure they got the "correct" Whopper – because nothing ruins a meal like improperly aligned lettuce. Yet, no one seemed to question how rotating a circular item could possibly matter.

Let's just be thankful Burger King didn't try selling upside-down French fries.

Until next time, friends!

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A little bit of everything you need to know

Tangipahoa Parish Government, in partnership with the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute at LSU, is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, June 5 at 9am to discuss the parish's Hazard Mitigation Plan and gather community input for the 2026 update. The meeting will take place at the Clausen Building, 15485 W. Club Deluxe Road in Hammond, and aims to engage residents in identifying strategies to reduce risks from natural disasters, protect lives, and strengthen community resilience. For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be accessible virtually via Google Meet at www.meet.google.com/eoa-zgmc-scy. Additional information is available through the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Department at (985)340-9028 or OHSEP at (985)748-9602.

Law enforcement agencies continue their intensive search for five inmates still at large following the May 16, 2025, escape from the Orleans Justice Center, during which five of the ten escapees have already been recaptured. As part of the ongoing investigation, Louisiana State Police arrested 59-year-old Connie Weeden of Slidell for aiding fugitive Jermaine Donald, who remains at large. Authorities allege that Weeden communicated with Donald before and after the escape and provided him with cash through a mobile app, leading to her arrest and booking into the St. Tammany Parish Correctional Center on one felony count of accessory after the fact. Officials stress that harboring fugitives endangers public safety and will be prosecuted, and they urge anyone with information to report it through LSP.org, the LSP Fusion Center, Crimestoppers GNO, or the FBI Hotline, with rewards of up to $20,000 available per fugitive.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in locating several high-value items stolen from a storage facility in the Bedico area. On May 8, deputies responded to a report of three burglarized storage units in the 27000 block of Highway 22. Among the stolen items were two GM aluminum LS engine heads valued at $2,500, a camouflage Polaris Sportsman 850 ATV worth $7,500, a plasma cutter valued at $6,500, and a welding machine worth $800. The ATV, which features aftermarket black tires, a broken front rack, and a bright orange Honey Island Hunting Club sticker, is believed to have been driven from the scene toward W Sam Arnold Loop. Anyone with information is urged to contact the TPSO Criminal Investigations Division at 985-902-2088 or report anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-554-5245 or tangicrimestoppers.com.

There will be intermittent and alternating lane closures on I-55 northbound and southbound between US 51 (Exit 23) and LA 3234 (Exit 32) from 8pm to 6am nightly beginning on Tuesday, May 27, through Thursday, July 31, weather permitting, while crews perform concrete patching and related work. There are no restrictions for oversized loads. The following alternate routes may be used to avoid the construction zone: motorists traveling I-55 north may take US 51B (Exit 23) north to US 190, then west on US 190 to US 51, then north on US 51 to LA 3234, then west on LA 3234 to re-intersect I-55. Motorists traveling on I-55 south may take LA 3234 (Exit 32) east to US 51, then south US 51 to US 190, then east on US 190 to US 51B, then south on US 51B to re-intersect I-55.

(See TANGI GUMBO Page 4)

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Cooking, gardening, cutting grass, edging the driveway… makes it look nice and neat.

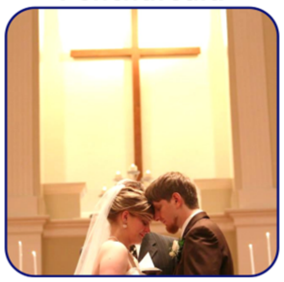
April Brandt
Ponchatoula

Watering and taking care of my plants.

Becky Foster
Hammond

Cutting grass. I love the smell of fresh cut grass, and my lawn looks so nice.

Brittney Gers
Ponchatoula



Vacuuming and mopping – I get my steps in while having clean floors.

Byron Willie
Ponchatoula

Cutting grass and taking care of my few plants!

Gracie Marie
Bedico

Cleaning the pool.

Kathy Marie
Ponchatoula

Mopping and dusting – I HATE!!!
I love cooking and don't mind the other stuff.

Tanya McGowin
Montpelier

I enjoy doing laundry.

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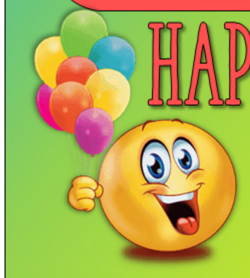

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Obituaries

CAROL ELAINE LAIRD FANCHER
NOVEMBER 5, 1953 - MAY 17, 2025

Carol Fancher

Carol Fancher, 71, of Wesson, MS, passed away to her heavenly home on Saturday, May 17, 2025. She was born in Baton Rouge, LA on October 5, 1953, to Wilber Laird and Emilie Reeves Laird.

She was a member of the Baptist Faith. She was a loving homemaker. She enjoyed LSU and New Orleans Saints football. She loved shopping, fishing and spending time with her grandkids. “Mawmaw” was loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur and Emilie Laird; and brothers Wilber Lee and Gordon Laird.

Survivors are her husband Alan Fancher of 33 years; sons Michael Kyzar, Sam Kyzar, and Joshua Kyzar; grandchildren Faith Kyzar, Payton Kyzar, Chelsea Heddington, Patrick Kyzar, Samantha Kyzar, Natalie O’Quinn and Ross O’Quinn; sister, Carrie Wagner; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 20, at Brookhaven Funeral Home in Brookhaven, MS. Visitation was held at Brookhaven Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 20.

Kathy Ann Strickland; 73; Kentwood; May 20; survived by her husband, Jeff Strickland; daughters, Cindy Huber and Crystal Strickland; sons, Jim and Lonnie Wages; sister, Dorothy Phillip; brothers, Charles, Bobby, and Jimmy Studdard; grandchildren, Dustin, Cody, Amber, Rylie, Ethan, Corey, Sarah, and Cristina; 21 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Janet Lynn Mitchell; 66; May 22; survived by her siblings, Deborah O’Shee (Jerry), Linda Tycer (Dwain), Alan Mitchell (Kelley), Ronny Mitchell (Louise), and Jason Mitchell; numerous nieces and nephews; Paige McVay (Ryan), who was loved dearly like a daughter; and their children Lucy and Fisher.

Bobbi Lee Carroll; 61; Ponchatoula; May 20; survived by her special cousin, David Carroll; faithful neighbors, Peggy, Melvin, and Tammy Sterling; and numerous other cousins.

Mary Ann “Max” Clement Stevenson; 80; Hammond; May 21; survived by her sister, LaVerne Arceneaux; godchild, Robyn Williams; sister-in-law, Garnet Clement; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mildred Baham; 99; Hammond; May 23; survived by her sister, Dorothy Sharon; grandchildren, Rochelle (Lee), Dee, and Sissy (Travis); granddaughter-in-law, Lena; great-grandsons, Greyson, Preston, Devin, Christian, Zachary, Jesse (Shaylee), Connor, and Trent; great-granddaughter, Mikayla; and great-great grandchildren, River, Maverick, Hayse, Rhett, Sebastian, and Seraphina.

Kennedy Introduces Bill to Lower Health Care Costs

From Senator John Kennedy

“Patients should only pay for the care they receive, not for the sign on the door or where they get treated. My Same Care, Lower Cost Act is a common-sense reform that expands patients’ health care options, creates greater transparency and reduces taxpayer burden.”

Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.), a member of the Senate Budget Committee, today introduced the Same Care, Lower Cost Act. The bill would fix a part of Medicare’s billing structure that allows hospital systems to charge patients for outpatient care at more expensive hospital rates—even when the medical procedures could be done safely at non-hospital settings.

“Patients should only pay for the care they receive, not for the sign on the door or where they get treated. My Same Care, Lower Cost Act is a common-sense reform that expands patients’ health care options, creates greater transparency and reduces taxpayer burden,” said Kennedy.

This unfair billing practice occurs due to a provision in the 2015 Bipartisan Budget Act. That law established “site-neutral” payments under Medicare, but only for certain newly-constructed facilities. This left most hospitals exempt from the policy. The Same Care, Lower Cost Act would close that loophole, cutting health care costs for many patients.

In a June 2023 report, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) recommended that 66 Medicare billing codes, also known as ambulatory payment classifications (APCs), be made eligible for site-neutral payment reform.

The Same Care, Lower Cost Act would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to finally make the 66 APCs identified in MedPAC’s report eligible for site-neutral payments, as well as give the Secretary the authority to add additional APCs for site neutrality consideration.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, implementing site-neutral payments for hospital outpatient departments could save the Medicare program and taxpayers roughly $157 billion over 10 years.

Some estimates also suggest that this reform could save Medicare recipients anywhere from $94 to $134 billion in lower premiums and cost sharing over 10 years.

Better Solutions for Healthcare, AMAC Action,

(See KENNEDY BILL, Page 10)

Music, Mayhem, and Mini Maestros

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

Something magical is happening at the Amite Branch Library on Monday, June 9, and it’s got tambourines, triangles, and a whole lot of toe-tapping fun! From 3 to 4pm, the library meeting room will be transformed into a wonderland of sound for the Music and Movement: Musical Instrument Petting Zoo — a whimsical, one-hour event where little ones get to explore the world of music with all the enthusiasm of a kid in a candy store.

Designed for children ages 0 to 7, this musical playground lets curious hands pluck, bang, strum, and shake their way through an array of instruments. It’s called a “petting zoo,” but instead of goats and ponies, expect maracas, drums, bells, and more. Don’t be surprised if your toddler finds their inner rock star, or your preschooler develops an unexpected love for the ukulele.

But this isn’t just a fun afternoon full of rhythmic ruckus. Experts agree that early exposure to musical instruments can do wonders for a child’s development. Exploring music helps kids build coordination, improve listening skills, and express themselves creatively. It also lights up areas of the brain tied to language and problem-solving.

Best of all, it’s completely free—and no musical talent is required. Families are encouraged to come as they are and enjoy a low-pressure, high-energy musical experience. Whether your child is destined for Carnegie Hall or just likes to boogie in the living room, this event offers a playful, joyful introduction to the arts.

LOSER

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At 4:15pm, an inmate flooded the dorm that housed Johnson and Wallace. During the cleanup, while several sections of exterior doors were open to push water out, an interior door was inadvertently opened for less than a minute before the error was realized and it was closed again.

In those few seconds, Johnson and Wallace ran out of the series of doors to the yard. Johnson, with Wallace’s assistance, climbed over the perimeter fence, which is fortified with multiple levels of razor wire. A blanket was used to buffer the sharp coils, but blood at the point of escape indicated that Johnson was injured in the process.

Wallace returned alone to the building, where he was met by deputies, who took him back to his cell.

Contrary to duty, the deputies involved in this set of events did not report the incident to their superiors, did not seek to bring appropriate charges against Wallace, and did not conduct a confirmation headcount to ensure that no other inmates were missing.

TPSO is currently only able to staff one individual tasked with monitoring 60 cameras all at once while also opening doors as requested by deputies in and around the pods and dorms. This staffing inadequacy likely contributed to the oversight that resulted in the flight of Johnson and Wallace from the building.

At the next scheduled headcount, deputies failed to follow the required three-step process, and Johnson’s absence was overlooked again.

On Friday, May 23, at 1:30pm, Sheriff Gerald Sticker was joined by Parish President Robby Miller in a press conference to communicate the timeline of events, as well as information that was known at the time. Sticker reported that TPSO was actively engaged with several partner agencies in an unrelenting search for the two-time jail escapee. The team consisted of 30 to 40 people and included K-9 teams and drone operators.

“I’d like to take a moment to apologize to the community that this individual is out on the streets,” said Sticker. “We are working, and we’re not going to stop until this individual is brought back into custody.”

Less than six hours later, the sheriff made good on his promise. Troopers in Tangipahoa Parish, in partnership with TPSO, located and apprehended Johnson in Amite. The 19-year-old fugitive was immediately transported to a secure state facility by LSP.

At this time, Sheriff Sticker does not believe that the flooding of the jail cell was calculated to facilitate Johnson’s escape, but rather, the escape was a result of opportunity enabled by a perfect storm of systematic operational failures. However, the ongoing investigation considers the possibility that the flooding was part of the plot.

So far, at least four deputies are on administrative leave during this investigation.

Trevon Wallace, 28, has been rebooked on charges of Simple Escape and Principle to Simple Escape. Wallace has been in the Tangipahoa Parish Jail since February 2024 awaiting trial for Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Theft, Simple Battery and Resisting an Officer.

TANGI GUMBO

From Page 3

Officials recently gathered at Southeastern Louisiana University’s Strawberry Stadium for a groundbreaking ceremony commemorating the newly named North Oaks Health System Academic and Athletic Complex. The project includes a major renovation and expansion to enhance both the physical facilities and the academic programs that will produce real-world-ready sports medicine employees.

The Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative aims to accelerate the growth of second-stage businesses in rural areas of Louisiana. With the unique challenges rural entrepreneurs face, program participants will be able to identify what scaling means for both their companies and their communities. They will then move on to develop and refine their business strategy and will be connected to the right tools and expertise to execute the strategy. Learn more about how the Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative can help you grow. The deadline to apply is next Saturday, May 31. For more information, go to www.OpportunityLouisiana.com.

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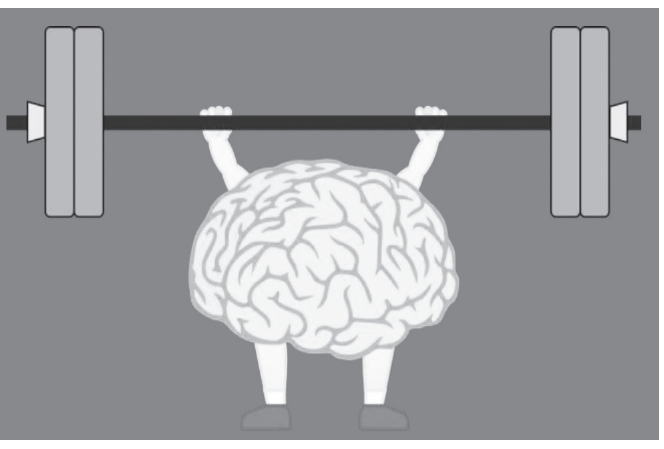

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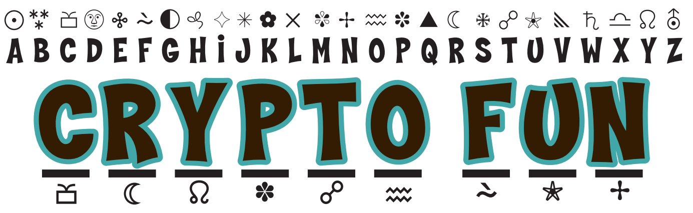

Solve the code to discover words related to reading.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 20 = A)

A. 26 25 25 7 15 20 8 7
Clue: Holds place

B. 23 20 9 3 2
Clue: Sheets of paper

C. 10 21 20 8 20 10 13 3 8
Clue: Person in book

D. 11 17 10 13 17 25 6

Answers: A. bookmark B. pages C. character D. fict

The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

MISSING LINKAGES

Six common words and phrases below are missing some letters. The correct letters will spell six shorter words that are all members of the same category.

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*If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to **publisher@tangitimes.com** before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to books.

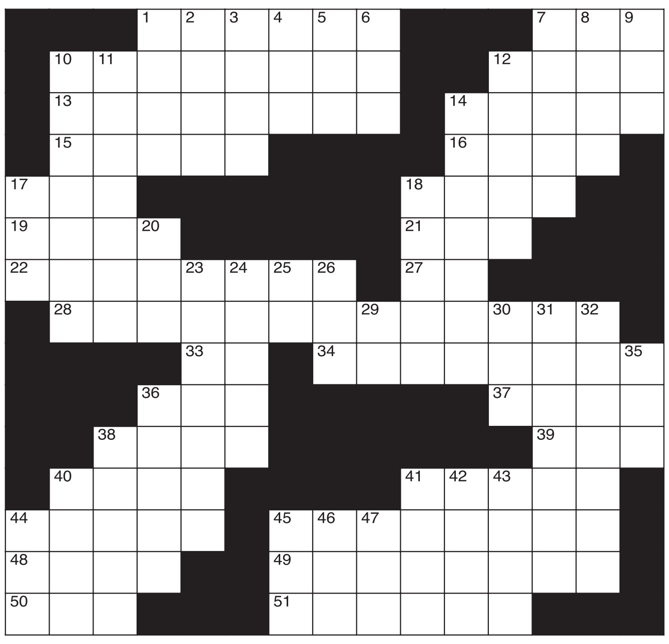
TSXTE

Answer: Texts

FUN FACT

A shrewd, unprincipled person is sometimes known as a SNOLLYGOSTER

CROSSWORD



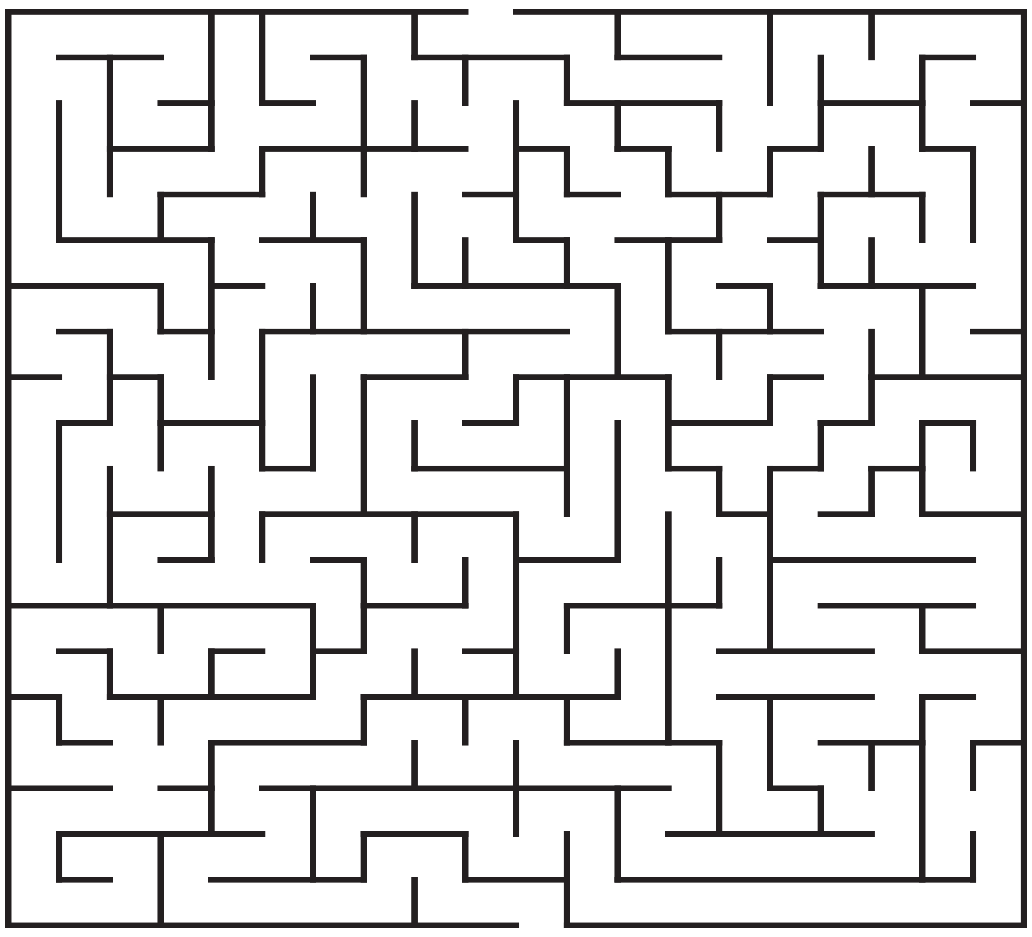
CLUES ACROSS

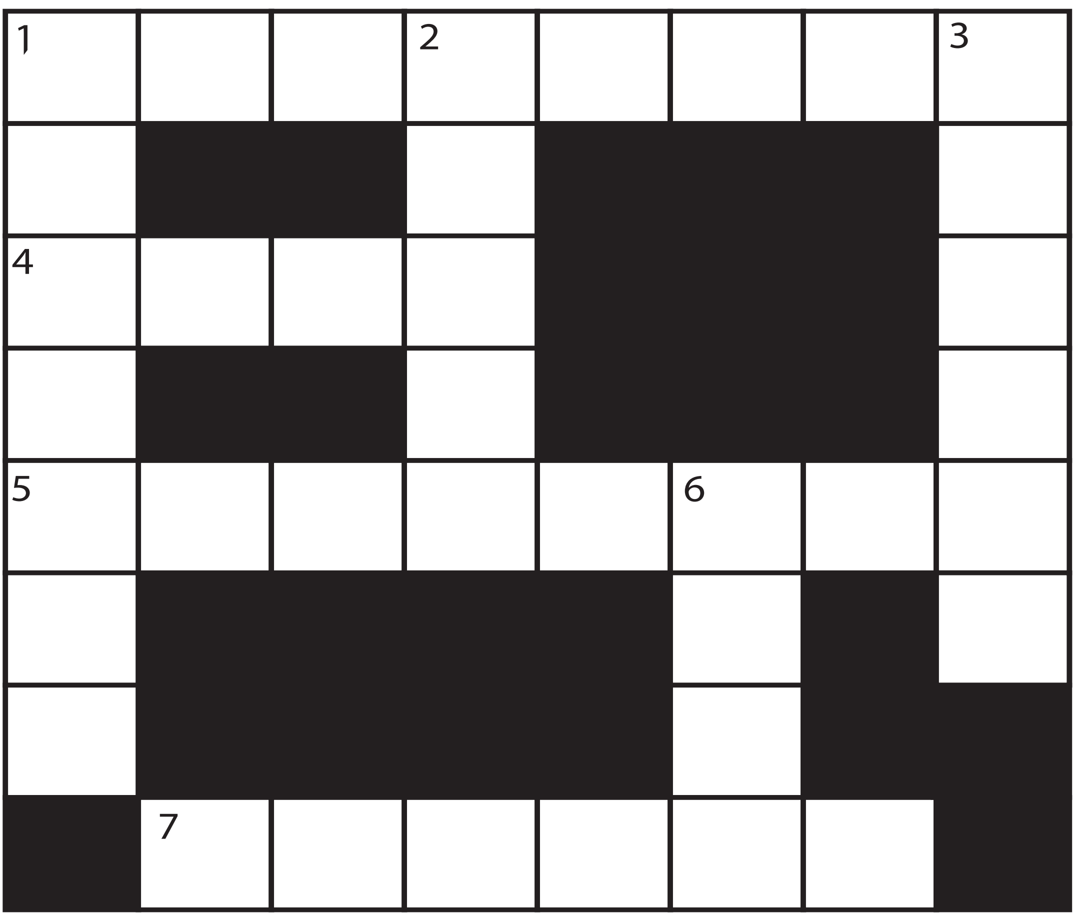
1. Bring up
7. Child
10. Formal written defense
12. Bangladeshi currency
13. Burial site
14. In the lead
15. Large recesses in a church
16. Count on
17. Defunct phone company
18. Golf scores
19. Afflicts
21. Defensive nuclear weapon
22. Prominence
27. "The Great Lakes State"
28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White House
34. Magnificence
36. Hip hop songstress
37. Capital of Yemen
38. __ Blyton, children's author
39. Bomb
40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
41. Pinkish-violet color
44. A way to make right
45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
48. Region south of Dead Sea
49. Acts out against
50. Harsh cry of a crow
51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN

1. Kitchen devices
2. Wings
3. Mythological birds
4. Everyone has one
5. Matchstick game
6. Bar bill
7. Weights
8. Satisfactorily
9. Small amount
10. Tree types
11. Small protuberances
12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
14. Type of horse
17. More (Spanish)
18. Argentinian province
20. A bad act
23. Moving in a circular way
24. Battery type
25. Atomic #58
26. Popular breakfast food
29. An alternative
30. Tooth caregiver
31. A way to conform
32. Disfigured men
35. Cool!
36. Genus of mosses
38. Body part
40. Kashmiri people
41. Round water pot
42. Something to purchase
43. Emit coherent radiation
44. Indicates 10
45. Advertising metric
46. Pitching stat
47. Head movement

Kids' Corner





ACROSS
1. Arts, customs, and behaviors of a social group
4. Person who operates something
5. With others, 7. Menu items

DOWN
1. Nation
2. A number; trio
3. Salty or spicy
6. A place one lives

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on May 31, 1965 in New York. I began modeling as an infant and continued through childhood. Modeling turned into an acting career, and my feature film debut was in a horror film. My second and third films caused controversy for risqué content considering my young age.

Answer: Brooke Shields

SUDOKU

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WORD SEARCH

CAUGHT READING WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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Roseland Holds Public Hearing Thursday, June 12 on Millage Rates

From the Town of Roseland

May 28, 2025

The Town of Roseland is announcing the scheduling of a public hearing/ meeting for the 2025 Millage.

The public hearing, scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the Roseland Chambers located at 62438 Commercial Street, Roseland, LA 70456, to obtain the citizens views on Resolution No. 1-2025 - adopting the millage rate(s} for the tax year 2025; and on Resolution No. 2-2025 - setting forth the adjusted millage rate(s} and roll forward to millage rate(s} not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s).

After the resolutions are adopted, the entire millage packet will be forwarded to the Tangipahoa Parish Assessor's Office. The Assessor's Office will combine the Town rates with other taxing entities' rates to create a complete tax roll for the parish. The Assessor's Office will also send all the millage packets and the tax roll to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office for review and approval. Once this review is complete, the tax roll will be returned to the Assessor's Office so that local taxing entities can begin sending property tax notices to residents at scheduled date.

Mayor Van Showers encourages all residents to attend and provide input during this consideration.

Ctrl+Alt+Learn – Free Computer Classes

By STEFANIE BROOKE

Tangi Times Community Journalist

This summer, the Amite Branch Library is turning its quiet corners into tech-savvy hotspots with a free series of computer classes designed to help you click, tap, and swipe your way to confidence. Whether you're baffled by browser buttons or mystified by mobile menus, there's a seat waiting for you – and a cheerful librarian ready to guide you.

Every Wednesday from now through July, the library is offering two class times: a morning session at 10:00am and an afternoon session at 3:00pm. Each week brings a new topic, from basic troubleshooting and mastering your library account to understanding the difference between Android and iPhone. You'll even learn how to stream books and movies online using Cloud Library and Hoopla, create a resume that gets noticed, and get a head start on school success with online homework help tools.

Got a question about computers in general? Save it for the grand finale on July 23, when participants can bring their quirkiest tech conundrums to the General Computer Questions class. It's like open mic night, but for your laptop.

Technology can feel overwhelming, especially if you didn't grow up double-clicking everything. But in today's world, computer skills are more than just handy – they're downright essential. From accessing job resources to staying connected with friends and family, knowing your way around a screen can open up a whole new world.

And where better to learn than the library? It's a zone full of helpful folks, air conditioning, and the occasional bookmark. Whether you're a total newbie or just need a refresher, these classes offer a supportive environment where you can learn at your own pace and maybe even have a few laughs along the way.

Space is limited, so if you're ready to become best friends with your device – or at least call a truce – stop by the Amite Branch or give them a ring at 985-748-7151. Your inner tech whiz is waiting.

Horoscopes

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4th week of May

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week your dreams might be a tool for gaining insight on what you want to accomplish. Although dreams can't predict the future, they may reveal some of your subconscious desires.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Follow your instincts this week, Taurus, even if you're more prone to reason than whimsy. Let the chips fall where they may and go with the flow.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

This week can be all about feeding your mind, Gemini. Walk around a bookstore and pick up the first book that catches your eye, regardless of its subject matter.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Something may be worrying you lately, Cancer, but you can't exactly put your finger on it. Talk about your feelings with others as another person may have a different perspective.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, seize an opportunity to pursue the things that you want most of all. Use this week to map out a plan and then get started on all of the steps before you reach your goal.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Check out ways that you can advance your career or education this week. The energy around you is favoring growth, so now is the time to take advantage and learn a new skill.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Others trust your opinions because your intuition tends to be spot on, Libra. When a friend comes to you this week asking for some advice, you will not hesitate.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Use your creativity to make things happen this week, Scorpio. This may not produce a finished product, but it could be about an innovative way to approach a task or problem.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Figure out some new ways to expand your horizons this week, Sagittarius. Identify means to personal growth, including educational opportunities.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, it is important to step out of your routine every so often to increase your knowledge and expand your horizons. This is one of those weeks to do so.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Are you satisfied with your career, Aquarius? If you have been mulling a career change, this could be the week to start moving your chess pieces around.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, don't worry too much about the changes that lie ahead this week. You have a more adaptable nature than you might realize. As changes come your way, embrace them.

Public Notices

21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA
STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2020-30493 DIVISION "C"

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUCCESSION OF LAURIE WOLFE MARGIOTTA

NOTICE

Notice is given that Aaron Wolfe, the duly appointed Administrator of the Succession of Laurie Wolfe Margiotta, will be selling the following immovable property at private sale owned by the succession, in accordance with the Order of the Court dated April 15, 2025:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point which is 1,247.37 feet South 89 degrees 20 minutes \Vest of the Northeast Comer of Section 15, T7S, RSE, thence proceed South 89 degrees 20 minutes West 735.83 feet; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds West 237.12 feet; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes East 733.94 feet; thence North 0 degrees 31 minutes 33 seconds East 237.15 feet to the Point of Beginning. All as per survey by Alex Theriot Jr. & Associates, Inc., Land Surveyors, dated March 29, 1985, a copy of which is attached to COB 607, Page 723.

Improvements thereon arc being reported to bear the Municipal No.: 40219 Babin Road, Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Subject to a right of way to Entergy recorded in COB 694, Page 723, of the official records of Tangipahoa Parish.

Together with predial servitude of passage 30 feet in width which leads to Babin Road. The road is located across Lots 5 and 13, all as per survey of Alex Theriot, Jr. & Associates, referred to above. Said servitude established at COB 607, Page 723 of the official records of Tangipahoa.

Subject to discrepancies or shortage in the square footage, acreage, or area of the land.

Notice is hereby given to all parties whom it may concern, be ordered to make any opposition which they have or may have to such sale, at any time prior to the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of the last publication of such notice, all in accordance with law.

Attorney: Peggy G. Vallejo, 428 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 (985) 892-6855

TOWN OF KENTWOOD

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE TOWN OF KENTWOOD FOR ZONING ON **July 3, 2025 AT 5:45 PM**. AND REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 PM THURSDAY AT KENTWOOD CITY HALL, 308 AVENUE G KENTWOOD, LA. THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO OFFER COMMENTS ON AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

REQUEST FROM YAZORIA SPEAD, FOR ZONING STATUS CHANGES FROM **A1, AGRICULTURE TO R1M SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, DETACHED CONVENTIONAL AND NON-CONVENTIONAL DISTRICTS. THE PROPERTY IS DESCRIBED AS:**

ASSESSMENT #6565000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
2.29A TOTAL 1.29A BEING TRACT 1 & 1.00A BEING TRACT 7 IN SEC 32 & 33 T1SR7E B125 P207 B125 P211 B186 P619 B814 P655 B950 P490 B1041 P150 B1474 P164 B1478 P50 B1639 P374 B1653 P41 B1662 P684
1403 9TH STREET KENTWOOD, LA 70444

THIS HEARING WILL ALLOW CITIZENS TO HAVE INPUT CONCERNING THIS PROPOSED CHANGE. ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS HEARING.

TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE TANGI TIMES ON: May 28, June 4, and June 18, 2025 Cost of Notice: $ 30.47

TOWN OF KENTWOOD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Kentwood will hold a public hearing at 5:45 P.M. on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at City Hall, 308 Ave G, Kentwood, LA, prior to Town Council Meeting.

This hearing is to provide an opportunity for citizens to offer comments on and discuss:

Ordinance No. 1 of 2025 (A proposed Ordinance to Declare Parcels of Land Not Needed for Public Purposes and to Abandon an Alley in Block 39).

Mayor Irma Gordon
Town of Kentwood, LA
985-229-3451
Publish in the Tangi Times on May 14, May 21, and May 28, 2025 Cost of Notice: $16.10

Town of Kentwood – Notice to Bidders
Sealed Bids-Official Journal

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Kentwood will accept sealed bids from local newspapers to serve as the Official Journal for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Sealed bids will be opened at our Regular Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Kentwood City Hall, located at 308 Ave G, Kentwood, LA. 70444, at which time no further proposals will be accepted.

Sealed bids will be submitted to the Clerk's Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 5, 2025.

The Town of Kentwood, through the Mayor and Council, reserve the right to accept or reject any bids.

Fredrika Ruffin
Town Clerk
Publish in the Tangi Times May 14, 21, and 28, 2025. Cost of Notice: $18.40

CITY OF PONCHATOULA

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that on May 12 2025, at a regular meeting of the Ponchatoula City Council, an ordinance was introduced as follows An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 806 Setting the Salaries for Elected Officials. A public hearing will be held on June 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the City Council. Anyone with comments may appear before the council at this time.

Publish May 21, 28, June 4
s/Nikki James, City Clerk Cost of Notice: $14.40

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

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s/Nikki James, City Clerk
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Diamonds: Not As Rare as One May Think

By KASIA PERKOWSKA
Tangi Times Feature Columnist

With the spring season concluding, and plants, animals, and the entire planet are alive and full of colors, new romance between couples is also sprouting. Love is in full bloom, and with summer just around the corner, many plan on popping the question and shopping for the perfect ring. Usually, a diamond engagement ring is purchased or passed down through generations and given to the bride-to-be if she says yes.

This sometimes simple, sometimes extravagant ring opens the door to the hopes and dreams of a romance novel-like future and a new world of limitless possibilities. Some little girls start dreaming about their wedding at age five, so they're familiar with society's expectations of the perfect ring and have quite the imagination! They will detail the cut, clarity, and everything a professional jeweler knows that no five-year-old should.

At five, I was happy my friend in kindergarten gave me a Ring Pop! Some girls aren't picky; they appreciate the thought but prefer a simple ring with a stone other than a diamond. Before you purchase a ring, however, I'd like to shed some light on how society was hoodwinked into believing diamonds were rare. They are actually very common, unlike what we were made to believe.

It all started with the De Beers. Diederik and Johannes De Beer owned a farm where diamonds were discovered, which Cecil Rhodes forcefully bought in 1870. As soon as De Beers invented a use for diamonds, they created a demand for them.

The diamond use invention was more of a monopoly for De Beers, as they were among the few who controlled its distribution. Initially, a diamond was considered a luxury, only for the wealthy.

However, the Great Depression of the 1930s forced De Beers to look for ways to create demand for diamonds that wasn't affected by the economy. They needed a strategy and plan to ensure constant demand for diamonds; hence, the slogan "A Diamond Is Forever" was born.

For almost the entire 20th century, the De Beers monopoly controlled 80 to 90% of the diamond supply. Even though diamonds are among the most common gemstones, De Beers' successful marketing campaign and artificial supply limitations have kept diamond prices high by design. Numerous diamond mines have been discovered, but this knowledge was hidden from the public, and the illusion of diamond scarcity was created, helping stabilize the price of diamonds over the years.

Everyone knows the first thing a woman does when getting engaged is show off her ring. The excitement, the oohs and aaahs, and every single detail of how he popped the question are shared with friends, family, and other loved ones. While the happy news is shared, it's usually the ring everyone is most excited to see, and the bride-to-be shows it off proudly for the next several weeks or even months!

But with all the hype associated with diamond engagement rings, a little research and education may benefit someone on a budget trying to save for the perfect ring. Perhaps a different stone, maybe even rarer than a diamond but less pricey, can be used in place of a very expensive ring.

A diamond loses half its value the moment it leaves the store, and they don't have much resale value. Quite a few women, myself included, learned this shocking little fact when trying to sell an old engagement ring. This could slow the demand down to a trickle. Anyone who ever tried to sell a diamond may have found this out the hard way.

I was shocked to learn that the gold band my diamond was set in was worth more than the diamond itself, completely opposite from the itemized invoice from the jewelry store at the time of purchase! The entire certificate, appraisal, etc., was worthless – just a piece of paper that made me feel good, and later very silly, over how much money was spent on this little gem that could have been put to better use, like a new car or a house down payment.

In this economy, where many people struggle, much research is done on major purchases. Not every engagement ring has to be a diamond, and more women today are happy with other stones of their choosing. Stones with more meaning to them, or a ring passed down from a great-grandmother, for instance, will always hold more value than a simple diamond.

Over 34 Million Dollars in Unclaimed Property Checks to be Mailed

From LA State Treasurer John Fleming

Louisiana State Treasurer John Fleming, M.D., announced that approximately 143,000 unclaimed property checks totaling over $34 million will be mailed out to Louisiana residents on Friday, May 30, following a data match to update addresses with the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

Among the statewide total, $881,000 will be mailed to Tangipahoa Parish residents, $51,000 will be mailed to St. Helena Parish residents, and $670,000 will be sent to Livingston Parish residents.

This is the largest batch of unclaimed property checks mailed to recipients since 2018. Checks will be mailed to individuals living in every parish in the state. In addition, the data matching identified 2,500 claims that are valued greater than our maximum for an automatic check. Those people will receive claim forms with instructions about how to complete the process.

"I want to stress to all of the recipients that these are real checks from the Louisiana Department of Treasury, so please cash them," said Dr. Fleming. "Every year, some of the checks we mail out are not cashed. This is due to people changing addresses and others not believing the checks are real. Let me guarantee that these checks are real. It's your money," said Dr. Fleming.

Recipients should note the checks are blue and have a circular logo with a $ sign at the center, surrounded by the words, "YOUR MONEY – CLAIM IT."

The checks will be mailed in a window envelope with the following return address:

John Fleming, MD, State Treasurer

Louisiana Department of Treasury

Unclaimed Property Division

Act 339, passed in the 2018 regular legislative session, permits the Louisiana Department of Revenue to share its database of current addresses with the Louisiana Department of Treasury to return unclaimed property. As a result, the Louisiana Department of Treasury annually updates the addresses on file and clears out a backlog of unclaimed property still on the books and mails checks to citizens without the need to file a claim.

There is currently $1.2 billion in unclaimed property to return to Louisiana citizens. Each year, businesses turn over millions of dollars in unclaimed cash, stocks, bonds, securities, and insurance proceeds to the Louisiana State Treasurer's Office. Occasionally, the address the company has on record is no longer correct. One of the main reasons an item becomes unclaimed property is an incorrect or old address.

These assets are known as "unclaimed property," and can include payroll checks, old bank accounts, royalties, utility deposits, interest payments, stock certificates, and life insurance proceeds.

One in six individuals in Louisiana has unclaimed property, with claims averaging $900. To find out if you have unclaimed property, search at LaCashClaim.org or call the Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division toll-free at 1-888-925-4127 (Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm).

If you receive a check in the mail, don't discard it. If you have doubts about its authenticity, call the State Treasurer's office at the number above.

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

From May 21, 2025

ALPHANUMERICS

If A, B, and C are whole numbers,
what number should replace the question mark?

A x B x C = 70

A + B – C = 10

B x C + A = 19

A x C – B = ?

SOLUTION

A = 5, B = 7, C = 2;   ? = 3

Congratulations to Phillip Colwart, Julie Bruhn, and Captain Jim Mascair for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!

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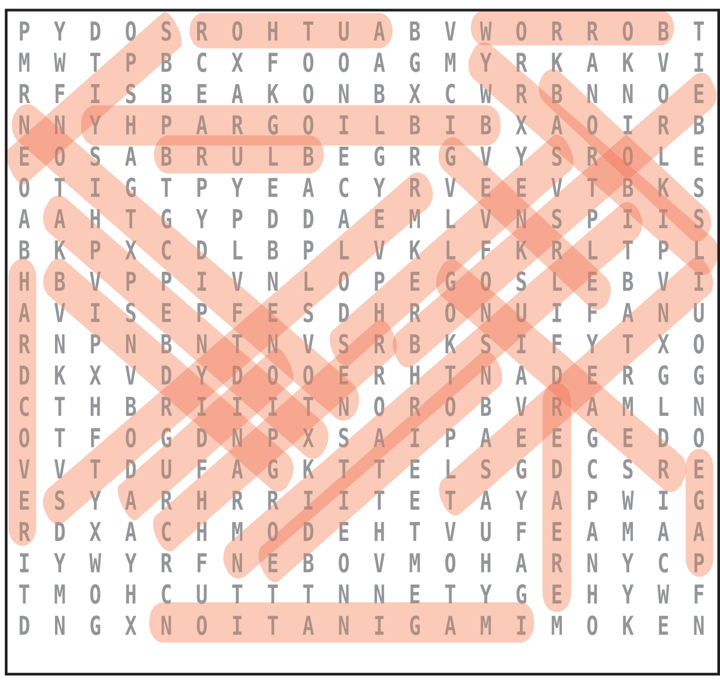

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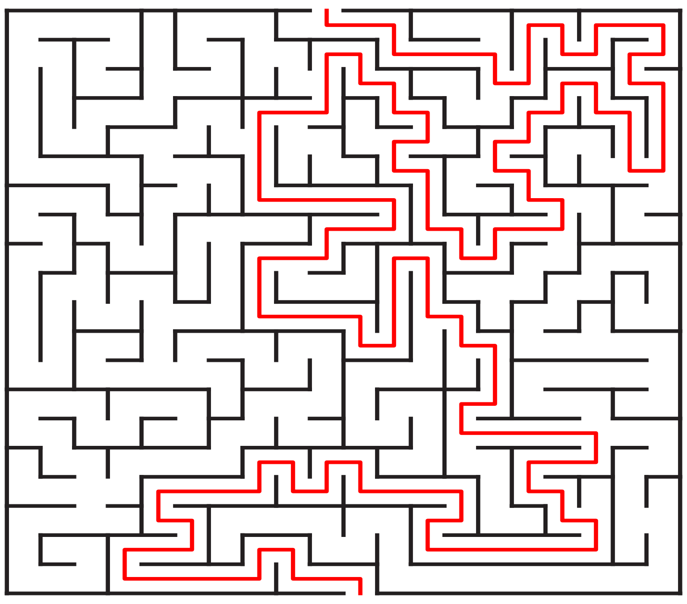

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PHS Sports Digest

By ETHAN PELTIER
Tangi Times Sports Reporter

Green Wave football is hosting their annual golf tournament at Oak Knoll Country Club in Hammond on June 7th. It costs $125 per player and $500 per team to participate. Food and drinks will be provided.

The tournament will start at 8am, and lunch and awards will follow. There will also be a light breakfast an hour before tee time. For more information, contact phsgreenwavefootball@gmail.com or call 504-301-5713. To register, use this link: https://qrto.org/l723Pa

PARD will be hosting their own basketball camp at the main gym on three separate days: June 7, June 14, and June 28. Each camp will be from 9am to noon. Ages 7-14 can participate, and it costs $25 per day per child. There is a $10 fee for out-of-district campers.

There is also a camp special – $60 for registering for all three camps or $70 for out-of-district campers. Visit www.pard1.com for more information or contact the park office at 985-370-7273. To register online, visit ponchatoularec.recdesk.com.

Lady Wave softball announced their roster for the 2025-26 season.

Seniors: Carly Bourgeois, Marlie Catchot, Abby Dagro, Rae'El Wheat

Juniors: Marleigh Blackwell, Kallie Deslatte, Ella Gill, Kamryn Johnson, Paityn Lancaster, Demi Sanchez, Lillian Virga

Sophomores: Faye Boihem, Kyleigh Darby, Kamryn Goldsberry, Bella Megehee

Freshmen: Leah Machado, Ayeva Nobles, Addie Trahan, Tenley Ziglar

Lady Wave basketball also announced their tentative roster for the 2025-26 season. Second cut will be on June 30. Third cut will be July 31.

Seniors: Meyah Grady, Jillian Joseph, Kamryn London, Haniya White, Danasia Williams

Juniors: Je'Ci Corbin, Zion Duncan, Hydi Jackson, Taliah Jackson, Madisyn Mahan, Skylar Peltier, Rachel Pool, Aubrey Young, Naima Ursin

Sophomores: Kamden Alford, Rhynae Jordon, Jaliyah Jones, Sloane Martinez, Kenzie Morgan, London Showers

Freshmen: Laila Allbritton, Bella Hall, Amira Johnson, Joena Kerins, Aleah Ledbetter, Aaliyah Powell, Ayeva Nobles, Jaycee Sims

Lady Wave volleyball announced their 2025-26 roster as well.

Seniors: Candice Alford, Sydney Durand, Addison Hebron, Allie Landry

Juniors: Morgan Adams, Olivia Boudreaux, Lizabeth Gullie, Julia Holloway, Jaliah Jackson, Kamili Leslie, Isabella Randazzo, Caytlin Tallo

Sophomores: Faye Boihem, Layla Crochet, Amanii Cryer, Ava Davis, Addyson Gioe, Lillie Miller, Emma Rodriguez, Bayleigh Singh

Freshmen: Madilyn Acosta, Natalie Arthur, Cameron Bennett, Adalynn Blanchard, Lyla Daigle, Adelaide Downey, Madison Durand, Pailyn Gauley, Aden Landrum, Demi Lowe, Kylee Schexnayder, Hannah Taylor

Managers: Briella Bordelon, Elena Diaz, Lacey Landry

Finally, Green Wave boys basketball announced their 2025-26 roster last week, too.

Seniors: Manzy Berry, Dylan Hebert, Josef Kelly, Gavin Newsom, Jayden Walker

Juniors: Landon Brown, Jarren Brumfield, Peyton Dickens, Alex Pituch

Sophomores: Collin Ainsworth, Landan Crochet, Dontrae Dunn, Aiden James, Dallas Lowe, Lathan Patterson, Will Walker, Colsten Williams

Freshmen: Janylan August, Aaron Burnett, Darren Grant, Kei Toliver, Devonte Williams, Peter Barze, Dedrick Foster, Jordan Jackson, Terrance Vaughn, Brylin Bridgewater, Raymond Foster, Eysten Miller, Luke Ventura, Azton Brown, Jaquan Gaten, Anthoni Toefiel, Graysen Weary

Tulane Baseball Advances to the AAC Championship Game

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Tulane Green Wave baseball team has advanced to the championship game of the American Athletic Conference (AAC) Baseball Tournament.

The Green Wave are the two-time defending champions of the American Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament winning the championship in 2023 and 2024. The winner of the tournament gets an automatic berth to the NCAA Field of 64.

On Tuesday, the Green Wave won their first game of the AAC tournament 6-3 over the Florida Atlantic Owls. Tulane started the team's best pitcher, Michael Lombardi (4-0), who is the best closer in the conference with 11 saves. Lombardi was brilliant against Florida Atlantic, going seven innings while only allowing one run on two hits. He had 11 strikeouts.

On Thursday, the Olive and Blue defeated the number one seed in the tournament the University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA) Roadrunners 10-6. Taylor Montiel (5-2) came on in relief to earn the victory with 3.2 scoreless innings. He struck out four Roadrunners while only giving up one hit and one walk.

On Saturday, the Green Wave faced number one seed UTSA again and defeated the Roadrunners again, this time 6-3. Now the Olive and Blue will face either the East Carolina Pirates or the South Florida Bulls in the AAC Baseball Tournament Championship Game.

Tulane's record is now 33-24.

Tangi Times Sportswriter Joel Ray is a member of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

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VTC GRADUATES

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The keynote address was delivered by Louis Nick Joseph, USA (Ret.), Tangipahoa Parish Councilman District 3. Mr. Joseph praised the hard work of the graduates, comparing the skills they used to complete the intensive VTC program to the skills they used to complete military Basic Training many years earlier.

The graduates received certificates individually from 21st Judicial District Court Judges Brian K. Abels and William S. Dykes. Graduates delivered heartfelt messages of thanks to their families, mentors, judges, and the VTC program for returning their lives to them.

A defendant can only be considered eligible if he/she is a Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States as defined by R.S. 13:5364(1) and:

-has an open misdemeanor or felony case in the 21st Judicial District Court or lives in the 21st Judicial District (Livingston, St. Helena, or Tangipahoa Parish) and has their probation transferred to our district and had Veterans Treatment Court as a condition of their probation

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-does not have a prior felony conviction for an offense defined as a homicide in R.S. 14:29 or as a sex offense in R.S. 15:541, or any pending criminal proceeding alleging the commission of an offense defined as a homicide in R.S. 14:29 or as a sex offense in R.S. 15:541

-the crime before the court cannot be a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol or any other drug or drugs that resulted in the death of a person

Additional conditions apply, as well.

If you or someone you know can benefit from the assistance of the Veterans Treatment Court, call the VTC office at 985-747-6766 during office hours, 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

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Tails on the Trail

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Time Community Journalist

Planning a getaway and thinking of bringing your furry sidekick along for the ride? Whether you've got a droopy-eared hound who loves hanging out the window or a sassy cat who tolerates your existence only because you feed her, traveling with pets can be both hilarious and heartwarming – with just a dash of chaos thrown in for spice. Kind of like life in South Louisiana, right?

First things first – before you hit the road, you'll want to make sure your pet is comfortable riding in the car. This means test drives around the neighborhood, preferably not just to the vet. Let them get used to the sights, sounds, and smells of a road trip – though nothing can truly prepare them for the smell of boudin in the backseat.

Pack like you're heading out with a toddler who eats socks. Bring food, water, bowls, treats, leash, poop bags, litter box, blanket, and their favorite toy or two. You'd be surprised how comforting a slobbered-on stuffed gator can be when they're snoozing in a strange hotel room.

Speaking of hotels, not all are pet-friendly – so do your homework and call ahead. Luckily, many hotels across the South have caught on to our "pets are family" lifestyle, especially in tourist-friendly spots like New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and the Northshore. Some even offer pet welcome kits with treats and toys.

Rest stops are your best friend, and not just for your bladder. Give your pet a chance to stretch, sniff some strange grass, and judge passing RVs. If you're passing through rural South Louisiana, take a break at one of our many roadside parks – or just pull into a shaded spot near a bayou and let the breeze do its thing.

Don't forget safety; use a harness or travel crate, and never leave your pet alone in a parked car. Even if you "just ran in for cracklins," that summer heat will turn your car into a gumbo pot faster than you can say "lagniappe."

Traveling with pets takes a little extra prep, a lot of patience, and a willingness to listen to them whine for the first 27 miles. But once you're cruising with your best friend, windows down and tails wagging, it's all worth it. After all, adventures are just better with someone who'll never argue over the radio.

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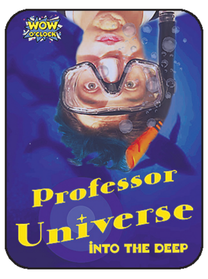
Kevin Hood, the Louisiana Snake Man, helps people understand the benefits of snakes in Louisiana while debunking myths people may have when it comes to reptiles. Get ready to hold some snakes!

THE TMM PROJECT June 10-12
Created by Terrance Michael Morgan, this program features a saxophonist, drums, step-dancing and street dance. The group showcases the impact of working together to accomplish goals while teaching fun dance moves.



WOW O'CLOCK June 17-19
Join us for a comedic, science show! After a riptide separates Professor Universe and Melina the Mermaid, each bravely sets off to find their special someone. They meet a friendly coral, a mischievous ocean current conductor, a hungry angler fish and more!

DIDGERIDOO DOWN UNDER June 24-26
This Australia-themed, high-energy show combines music, culture, science, comedy, character building, storytelling and puppetry. Learn about Aussie culture and animals while grooving to the didge!

MAMA SABA July 8-10
Discover the magic of storytelling with Mama SaBa, who brings folk tales to life through wordplay, song and dance, inspiring and entertaining audiences of all ages.

LADY CHOPS July 15-17
Elizabeth Vidos, also known as Lady Chops, brings her one-woman drumming show to the Tangi branches. Incorporating over 15 instruments, Lady Chops' performance is energetic and fun for all ages!

ANIMAL TALES July 22-24
Enjoy a live animal show with Animal Tales! Get up close and personal with animals from all over the world in this interactive, exciting and educational event for all ages.

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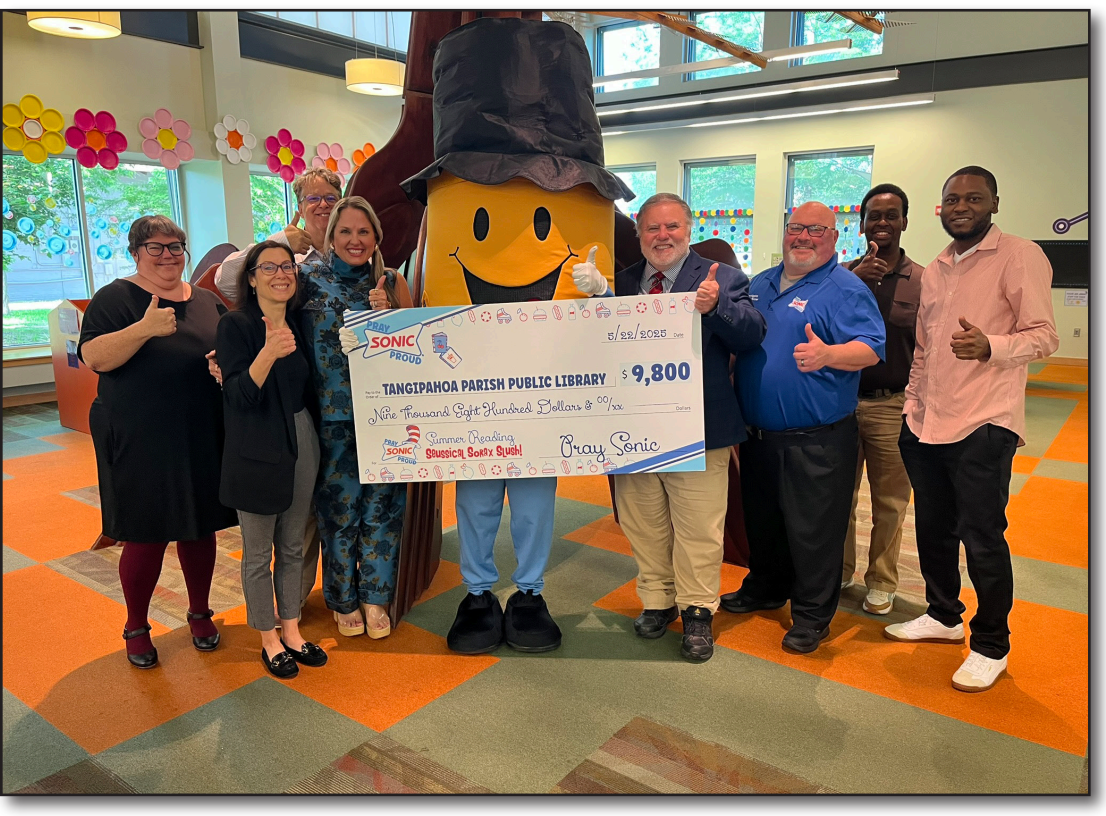
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It's Thumbs Up and Big Smiles as the Pray Sonic Restaurants donate $9,800 to the library's Summer Reading Program. Sonic Director of Marketing (fourth from left) Lori Moresi and Tot present the check to Library Director Barry Bradford. Also on hand from left: Clare Loughran, Youth Services Coordinator; Kellie Ferrara, Library Assistant Director; Lance Moresi, Director of Operations; Matt Higgins, Sonic General Manager; Ra'Mon Wheeler, Library IT Network Administrator; and Spenser Robinson, Adult Services Coordinator.

The Tangipahoa Parish Library recently received a generous $9,800 donation from the Pray Sonic Restaurants to support its annual Summer Reading Program.

The proceeds are from the Sonic Restaurants' Seussical Slushes sold in March to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

"We are always happy to partner with the Pray Family and their Sonic Restaurants," said Tangipahoa Parish Library Director Barry Bradford. "This contribution will help provide engaging educational activities, reading incentives, and special events for children and teens across the parish, encouraging literacy and learning during the summer months."

Bradford also emphasized how community partnerships like this one play a vital role in enriching the lives of local families and fostering a lifelong love of reading among young patrons.

"The Pray Family and the Sonic Restaurants Team Members are committed to promoting literacy and reading. We have partnered with the Tangipahoa Parish Library for a number of events, and we are happy to support their amazing work they perform for our Parish," said Sonic Restaurants Director of Marketing Lori Moresi.

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KENNEDY BILL

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Free2Care, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Americans for Prosperity, the Libre Initiative and Concerned Veterans for America support the bill.

"High healthcare costs driven by dishonest hospital billing practices leave patients and employers with unsustainable financial burden. This legislation would put a check and balance on hospital pricing, and its introduction reflects the American public's concern with how corporate hospital systems conduct business," said Connie Partoyan, Executive Director, Better Solutions for Healthcare.

"The Same Care, Lower Cost Act equalizes Medicare payment rates across health care provider locations which would result in significant savings for the Medicare program. This legislation would also drive down wasteful spending within the program while reducing premiums, cost-sharing, and other out-of-pocket expenses for Medicare beneficiaries. AMAC Action has long advocated for site neutrality legislation to reduce health care costs for seniors and we are pleased to support this bill on behalf of AMAC's 2-million-plus members," said Andy Mangione, Senior Vice President, AMAC Action.

"The Same Care, Lower Cost Act will usher in reduced Medicare spending, decreased cost-sharing for seniors, and greater transparency in healthcare pricing. For the patients we represent, this means lower premiums and fewer out-of-pocket surprises. For physicians, it means a more level playing field and greater independence from hospital system acquisition pressures driven by payment disparities, not clinical necessity," said Josie Gallagher, Executive Director, Free2Care.

"Site-neutral payments simply make sense. Medicare should pay the same price for the same service regardless of whether the service is provided in a physicians' office or in a hospital outpatient department. We are happy to see a new site-neutral bill introduced by Senator Kennedy that would require the same rates at both on- and off-campus hospital outpatient departments. In a time of high and rising debt and deficits, it makes perfect sense to reduce deficits and save money for both taxpayers and Medicare beneficiaries," said Maya MacGuineas, President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

"We applaud Senator Kennedy and his colleagues on introducing a sensible reform that will give patients more options and make health care more affordable, not just for seniors but for all Americans. For too long, Medicare's archaic payment policies have enabled hospital corporations to get away with overcharging for care, an error that is fueling harmful local market consolidation and needlessly driving up costs for patients and taxpayers alike. This important legislation fixes a major flaw in our health care system, and our thousands of activists across the country will be working hard to enact it, this year," said Dean Clancy, Senior Health Care Policy Advisor, Americans for Prosperity.

"Site neutrality ensures patients are treated based on the care they receive, not where they receive it. For Latino families and other minorities, who often rely on community-based providers and outpatient centers, site neutrality means lower costs, more choices, and better access to care close to home," said Sandra Benitez, Executive Director, The LIBRE Initiative.

"Veterans, service members, and military families live all across our country, in settings from urban to deeply rural. Like our civilian neighbors, we deserve access to high quality, affordable health care of our choice. Site neutral payment reform for both TRICARE and VA community care providers would promote greater health care competition, expand treatment options and lower costs for taxpayers. In this way, Sen. Kennedy's bill will enhance military and veterans' health care, while creating a model the rest of America can emulate and expand access to quality affordable care for underserved patients everywhere," said John Vick, Executive Director, Concerned Veterans for America.

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